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1. OF THE THREE ITEMS LISTED IN PARA TWO REFTTEL, ONLY
THE CLIPS CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS STRICTLY INTENDED
FOR TRIP SUPPORT. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SSM ADVISE
E-SYSTEMS THAT THESE COSTS SHOULD BE ABSORBED AS PART
OF THE NORMAL CONTRACT SUPPORT REQUIREMENT.

2. ASIDE FROM EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE GENERAL
CLEAN-UP EFFORT WHICH ARE PART OF THE CONTRACT, A
ROUND CONFERENCE TABLE WAS CONSTRUCTED AT THE FOLLOWING
COST: WOOD - \$750 (DOLS 750); FORMICA TOP \$360 (DOLS
360). IN ADDITION WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE SOMEONE
PURCHASED A COFFEE POT FOR \$50 (DOLS 50) WHICH
CANNOT BE RETURNED. THE TABLE WAS NOT NEEDED AT SFM
SINCE E-SYSTEMS HAD ALREADY PURCHASED AND SHIPPED A TABLE
FOR THAT ROOM. HOWEVER, THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED TABLE IS
SO LARGE AND HEAVY THAT IT CANNOT BE EASILY REMOVED
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FROM THE CONFERENCE ROOM AND WE INTEND TO USE IT AS A
CONFERENCE TABLE. SINCE THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION
WITH THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE WERE MINIMAL,
AND ALL PURCHASES CAN BE UTILIZED BY SFM, YOU MAY WISH
CONSIDER NOT SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT BUT MAKE IT CLEAR THAT
NEXT TIME AROUND IT WILL COST.

3. UNFORTUNATELY WE DID NOT LEARN MUCH FROM OUR RECENT EXPERIENCE SINCE THE PLANNING NEVER MOVED BEYOND THE PRE-LIMINARY STAGE. ALSO IN MY EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS CHANGE SO DRASTICALLY FROM ONE CONFERENCE TO THE NEXT, I DOUBT SERIOUSLY IF WE WOULD EVER BE ABLE TO CUT OFF WASHINGTON'S NEED FOR DETAILED INFORMATION. I DO AGREE THAT THERE IS CERTAIN INFORMATION WHICH SHOULD BE READILY AVAILABLE IN SSM ON ROOM SIZES, RESTRICTIONS ON ACCOMMODATIONS, ETC. AND WE WILL TRY TO PULL TOGETHER A MEANINGFUL FACT PAPER TO SERVE THIS PURPOSE.

4. ONE THING THAT WAS CONFIRMED DURING THE PLANNING EXERCISE IS THAT E-SYSTEMS PERSONNEL CAN BE COUNTED ON TO RESPOND WITH ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION. THE ENTIRE CAMP PITCHED IN AND WORKED LONG HOURS TO PERFORM THE MAINTENANCE NEEDED TO GET THE CAMP INTO A STATE OF READINESS FOR THE CONFERENCE.
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